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Portsmouth Plans Economic Makeover

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Portsmouth City Council is taking steps to re-establish a tool designed to help turn underused city properties into jobs, new businesses, and tax revenue.

On Monday, council held a first reading of legislation to create the **Portsmouth Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC)**. If approved after the required three

readings, the PCIC would serve as the city's official economic development agency, with council appointing board members and approving an operating agreement.

A CIC, or Community Improvement Corporation, is a nonprofit organization that works closely with local government but can operate with more flexibility. That allows it to:

- Work directly with developers
- Buy, sell, or manage property more efficiently
- Accept private funding or donations for projects
- Move development deals forward faster

Portsmouth actually created a CIC back in 2017, but its state registration has since lapsed. City leaders say bringing it back is crucial to support current projects on city-owned properties, which could include new businesses, housing, or commercial developments.

Council documents note that private donations could help fund PCIC efforts, and that the organization will focus on creating jobs, improving the local economy, and generating tax revenue.

The PCIC will also serve as the city's formal economic development agency, meaning it will act on behalf of Portsmouth to attract, retain, and expand commercial, industrial, and research projects. Board members will include the City Manager, City Solicitor, City Auditor, Community Development Director, and one resident appointed by the mayor .

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The move in Portsmouth mirrors a recent step by **Scioto County**, which formed a nonprofit economic development agency in the wake of corruption indictments that left the county's development efforts in flux. That agency is currently recruiting an executive director to lead its initiatives and coordinate with government, businesses, and residents .

Both Portsmouth and Scioto County are working to rebuild public trust while providing a more streamlined way to manage development, attract investment, and create jobs in Southern Ohio.

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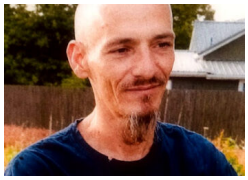

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Pool Stick Panic at Rally's

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A late-night disturbance at Rally's had employees reporting a man was chasing people through the parking lot with a pool stick, but by the time police sorted through the

conflicting stories, nobody was willing to cooperate.

Just before midnight, Portsmouth police were dispatched to the Rally's on Monroe Street after an employee reported a white male was chasing people around the parking lot with a pool stick.

The caller identified the man and provided a description of his vehicle, a black Kia Soul parked at the restaurant.

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Officers located the man about 10 minutes later and questioned him about the incident.

According to the report, the man told police the confrontation had been entirely verbal.

Officers also spoke with a woman who claimed she was not involved in the situation.

However, police noted that at least one witness said otherwise.

The report states the woman was not forthcoming with information, and officers were unable to establish enough evidence to support criminal charges.

With no cooperating victims and conflicting accounts, both parties were allowed to leave.

⚖️ Why Cases Fall Apart When Nobody Wants to Talk

Police often find themselves in a difficult position when witnesses, victims, or participants refuse to cooperate.

Many people assume officers can simply make an arrest because someone called 911, but that's not always how the law works.

To move forward with criminal charges, officers generally need:

- A victim willing to provide a statement
- Witnesses willing to cooperate
- Physical evidence
- Video footage
- Or an officer who directly observed the crime

When people change their stories, refuse to provide statements, or insist they don't want charges filed, cases can quickly fall apart.

👀 "Everyone Was Fighting Until the Cops Showed Up"

Officers frequently encounter situations where:

- Witnesses suddenly "didn't see anything"
- Victims decide they don't want to cooperate
- Participants claim it was "just an argument"
- Or everyone involved walks away before police can determine what actually happened

In this case, what began as a report of a man chasing people with a pool stick ended with no arrests, no charges, and a lot of unanswered questions.

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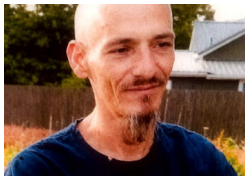

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